

OYAN Membership Minutes

July 25, 2008

Tillamook PL

Introductions

Attendees: Katie Kane, Fern Ridge Library; Carol Reich & Sue Plaisance, Hillsboro PL; Curtis Kiefer & Kristin Starnes, CBCPL; K'Lyn Hann, Newberg PL; Katie Anderson, OSL; Kris Lutsock, McMinnville PL; Susan Smallsreed, MCL.

Additions to Agenda

1. Full slate of officers will be available for vote via Memberclicks very soon. Technical difficulties need to be resolved.
 - Vice-Chairs/co-chairs-elect: Susan & K'Lyn
 - Secretary: Ruth Allen
 - Newsletter Editor: Lisa Elliott (Tigard PL)
 - Web Editor: Robin Fosdick (CBCPL)
 - OYAN CSLP Liaison: Heidi Weisel (CBCPL)

2. Annual Meeting Schedule
 - Oct. 24, 2008 – Tualatin PL
 - Jan. 30, 2009 – Corvallis Benton County PL
 - May 1, 2009 – Newberg PL
 - July 24, 2009 - Hood River PL?

Review and Approve Minutes

Sue motioned, Carol seconded, and the group approved the minutes of the April 25, 2008 membership meeting.

OLA Board report: Curtis

1. The joint conference netted OLA more revenue than expected!
2. Oregon Reads: Book sales are going well. OSU is doing the printing.
3. PLA 2010 will be held in April in Portland. Kristin will be chair during the planning phase and Susan & K'Lyn will be chairs during implementation.
Ack!
4. Jackson County remains a difficult topic for OLA & the OSL. How does OLA talk with LSSI without appearing to condone privatization of public libraries?
5. The meeting was held at University of Portland. Curtis was very impressed with the location.

NW Film Studies Center: Curtis

Has heard nothing from the NWFSC since the conversation held in the spring. We assumed that OYAN is too small a potato for them to be interested in at the moment.

Focus Institute: Katie

Katie thanked OYAN for agreeing to provide a half-day workshop on teen services. Kristin, April, Susan & Sara Ryan agreed to present and will confer in more detail (via email) about the agenda for the day. Susan shared that the bulk of Sara and

her presentation will be based on MCL's "[Teens @ Your Library](#)" staff training program.

Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP): Katie

Heidi Weisel has agreed to serve as the OYAN representative to the CSLP. The next meeting will be held in Nebraska. Arkansas turned out to be surprisingly fun.

The 2009 teen theme is "Express Yourself". Katie suggested that the artwork may not be great 'cause it's done by a children's artist rather than one more comfortable with teen/adult artwork. Katie reports that the art has a younger, more feminine feel to it.

Curtis suggested that members bring fun ideas for the SRP 2010 "Water" manual to the January meeting. They are sorely in need of FUN program ideas, as opposed to science projects.

Curtis also suggested that CSLP create a preschool age program.

ALA Report

Kristin Starnes received OYAN scholarship monies and shared handouts from the various workshops she attended. For full details check out her experience on the website she created: ALA2008.wetpaint.com. She also enjoyed the YALSA Top 10 program session and got some great ideas.

Sue Plaisance also attended and reported that she really enjoyed the 'Speed Dating with Authors' session. Sara Ryan was one of the authors that came around!

YALSA workshop handouts can be found at <http://presentations/ALA.org>

Resource Sharing

SRP Updates

Corvallis: Has kids earn book bucks. Then at the end, they "shop" for prizes. If what they choose costs less than they have earned, the extra bucks are used to donate to a local organization (Weed to Feed). The Corvallis program serves 1500 kids each summer.

Curtis reported that Robin Fosdick has been offering Ani-manga programs each month that are well attended (30 kids). There may be book discussion, anime movies, pizza, raffles, and give aways.

K'Lyn offered that her Anime Club has really enjoyed making bubble magnets.

Newberg: K'Lyn is still planning a "Twilight" party and a Duct Tape program. This year they'll be making belts. She uses Tapemonster.com for patterns, equipment, and a wide variety of colors of tape. Kris asked if she ever used [Ms. Mona](#)

[Superhero](#), a Portland duct tape artist? Of course, we all had to look at the website!

K'Lyn is also planning a Tie-Dye program and got great supplies from [Dharmatrading.com](#). One kit costs \$55 and has supplies for up to 50 people's worth of paint, other supplies & a book.

Fern Ridge: Had Jeff Defty come do a program that was wonderful.

MCL: Susan kicked off SRP at her branch with a concert by [The Remus Lupins](#) that was attended by a mix of ages.

Program ideas/suggestions & etc.

Hidden Talents!

We learned that Kris is part of a comedy troupe called the [Famous Mysterious Actor!](#)

UFO Festival

Did you know there's a UFO Festival in McMinneville on May 15 & 16, 2009? We thought about having our Spring meeting there, but learned that there's not much going on until Saturday.

Outdoor noveling

K'Lyn's working on another program idea of taking her group of young authors out to write portions of their books on the sidewalk.

Teen Overnights

Kate asked what people did at their teen overnights?

K'Lyn mostly lets the teens decide for themselves what they want to do, but has a variety of activities on hand. The teens play games, hang-out, use the computers, and watch movies (bring any PG-13). She limits the group to a maximum of 25 teens that have to earn their place on the list. The method of earning changes but has included 1) write a Letter for Literature, 2) offer a YRCA choice, and 3) etc. Other activities include flashlight or glowstick tag upstairs in the dark, capture the footstool, a chocolate game (cutting a chocolate bar while blindfolded and before someone else rolls the dice?), built forts out of the furniture (but then put it back!), done make-up & hair decorating, Mehndi, and provides pizza & pop. She basically lets them do what they want & supervises it.

Sue has raffles throughout the evening as a way to gather the group and check in.

Corvallis has played dodgeball and had a rubber chicken treasure hunt,

Author Visits

Chris Crutcher came to Corvallis and met with 2 juvenile detention programs, middle & alternative High Schools, and gave an evening public program. Curtis got

to hang out this him and learned that he's a great guy, tells great stories, and has false teeth from a HS baseball!

Articles

Curtis brought a copy of the Margo Rabb article ["I'm Y.A. and I'm okay"](#) that recently appeared in the NY Times about YA writing. Turns out Susan had also read the article and we had a brief discussion about what we learned about YA publishing. This reminded several of us of the New Yorker article about Anne Carolle Moore, ["The Lion and the Mouse"](#).

Books

[Heartsick](#) by Chelsea Cain (Carol R.): definitely not a YA, but fun if you like mysteries!

[Side Effects](#) by Amy Goldman Koss (Sue)

[Some Day This Pain Will Be Useful To You](#) (Curtis): Susan also read this one. They both agree that it should be marketed as Adult Fic, but the publisher decided otherwise.

[American Gods](#) by Neil Gaiman (Kris): is enjoying it but isn't clear where it's going.

[Outside Beauty](#) by Cynthia Kadohata (Susan): Lovely writing. Starred review by Publishers Weekly.

Working with Teen Moms

Susan shared some of the tips Nell Colburn, MCL Early Literacy Librarian, learned at an ALA workshop. K'Lyn suggested it would make a great Newsletter article.

Susan will ask Nell if she's willing. Here's what Susan remembered:

- o It takes 3-4 meetings with a group or parent to establish a good relationship.
- o Use movies as an analogy for repetition. "Is there a movie like to watch over & over? That's what's going on with your baby wanting to hear the same book over & over."
- o Remember that you are an example to them.
- o After you read a book, ask the moms "What did baby learn from that?"
- o Teens think that "parentese" (that silly way that parents talk to babies) is stupid, so let them know that research has demonstrated that its an important technique to use.
- o Teens like cute, but not "hokey" rhymes and songs.
- o When you meet, ask a mother to tell you something baby has done since you last saw him/her?
- o Perhaps use a Japanese or other language version of "Brown Bear, Brown Bear" to demonstrate that you can "read" a book simply by talking about the pictures.

When next in Corvallis: Curtis says check out "Aqua" (restaurant) especially the Aqua Martini (Magellan gin, olive stuffed with spiced raw tuna, orange bitters, & vermouth). The food is phenomenal.

Goals: Exec. Committee will finalize in Sept.

Pre-con in 2009: We need to identify a pre-con topic for OLA next year.

Book Rave – Need to make it formal and clean up the process. Curtis willing to print and distribute. Find someone to create the list, put it out for vote, and develop the copy. Create a timeline. (Kris & Susan)

Escape the Mask/Beneath the Mask

Tamar

City of Bones/City of Ashes/City of Ashes

Mock Printz – Susan will talk with Ruth about taking it on again. Hillsboro as a second choice venue.

Focus Institute –

Improve promotion of Scholarships

OYEA! Award -